

Yates, Evan

From: Dale Shields [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2018 2:27 PM
To: EPA.VWSettlement
Subject: [External] Public comment to the IEPA regarding the VW settlement

IEPA VW Settlement,

Dear IEPA,

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I am excited to see electric school buses receive 10% of the funding. This should be maintained and increased, with provisions to provide additional assistance to low income and environmental justice communities.

The remaining funding should be used on the electrification of the transportation sector. IEPA should restrict funding for "clean" diesel and also prohibit natural gas from fracking as a potential recipient of grant funds.

I also believe consideration should be given to how we will modernize the fleet of METRA locomotives to reduce pollution from these behemoths.

I thank you for your consideration.

Dale Shields
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Yates, Evan

From: Mike Erickson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2018 6:22 PM
To: EPA.VWSettlement
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Illinois should take the opportunity to carve out up to 15% of the funding for electric vehicle infrastructure. Immediately electrifying the transportation sector should be a top priority to reduce air and carbon emissions in Illinois and jump start the benefits of a zero emission transportation sector. At grade, and below or above grade cycle highways are zero emission, and have social benefits that top most other transport modes!

We could also use a big chunk of planning money for human-powered transportation.

We need a plan to revive the poorest parts of the region with infill development, rather than ongoing sprawl.

We can plan for a major infusion of capital for electric and human-powered infrastructure.

All rail in Illinois should be converted to electric, in a way that will be welcomed by the private freight railroads. About 1/2 of the through-trains, carrying freight to either coast, can bypass Chicago, also.

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Thank you for your consideration

Mike Erickson
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Yates, Evan

From: Sylvia Panek [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 12:25 PM
To: EPA.VWSettlement
Subject: [External] Public comment to the IEPA regarding the VW settlement

IEPA VW Settlement,

Dear IEPA,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment concerning the VW settlement funds allocated to Illinois. Despite the seemingly abundance of natural gas in the Midwest, continuing to focus on infrastructure building with nonrenewable fossil fuels is folly.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sylvia Panek
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Yates, Evan

From: Brian Toby [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 9:24 PM
To: EPA.VWSettlement
Subject: [External] Public comment to the IEPA regarding the VW settlement

IEPA VW Settlement,

Dear IEPA,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment concerning the VW settlement funds allocated to Illinois.

I recently purchased a plugin hybrid car (a Chevy Volt). For what it is worth, of the six cars I have bought in my life, this was the first from a U.S. car company. The Volt has convinced me that electric cars hold the future. The next car I buy will not use gasoline. If Illinois is amongst the last states to create the infrastructure needed for EVs, then it will end up being the last place where people want to live, in part due to the higher cost of car ownership and due to the worse air quality.

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The remaining funding should be used on the electrification of the transportation sector. IEPA should no fund for "clean" diesel since there is no such thing, which is why VW got in trouble in the first place.

Thank you for your consideration of our environment and improving our state,

Brian Toby
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Yates, Evan

From: Steven Bodenstab [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 9:31 PM
To: EPA.VWSettlement
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The remaining funding should be used on the clean energy development of the transportation sector.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steven Bodenstab
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Yates, Evan

From: PAUL CHRISTIANSON [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 12:41 AM
To: EPA.VWSettlement
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Last but not least, it would be great if at least 10% of the funding could go toward creating more separate bicycle lanes and paths and encourage cycling to reduce automobile use.

Thank you for your consideration.

PAUL CHRISTIANSON
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Yates, Evan

From: Randy Styka [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 5:11 AM
To: EPA.VWSettlement
Subject: [External] Public comment to the IEPA regarding the VW settlement

IEPA VW Settlement,

Dear IEPA,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment concerning the VW settlement funds allocated to Illinois.

We are electric vehicle owners so this issue is especially important to us, we had a Nissan Leaf and now a Chevy Bolt.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Randy Styka
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Yates, Evan

From: Karine Gabrini [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 5:30 AM
To: EPA.VWSettlement
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Thank you for your consideration.

Karine Gabrini
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Yates, Evan

From: Laurel Hays <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 7:38 AM
To: EPA.VWSettlement
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Thank you for your consideration.

Laurel Hays
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Yates, Evan

From: DENNIS R. NELSON, Naturalist/Energy-Environmental Researcher [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 12:56 PM
To: EPA.VWSettlement
Subject: [External] Public comment to the IEPA regarding the VW settlement

IEPA VW Settlement,

Dear Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA):

Well, this is "EARTH WEEK," and the 48th anniversary of "EARTH Day" (Wednesday, April 22, 2018) is right around the corner! Ever since around the very first "EARTH DAY" (1970), I have literally spent thousands of hours in researching, writing, speaking, and organizing about finding sensible solutions for a host of environmental problems (including sustainable transportation options to cut our air pollution and reduce our dependency on oil, and promoting eco-justice). Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment concerning the Volkswagen (VW) settlement funds allocated to Illinois.

Take time to involve all the stakeholders! Other states have participated in a lengthy public stakeholder process, but Illinois has only provided six weeks for interested members of the public to weigh in. IEPA should hold public hearings, and provide additional time for public comment.

Of course, the main focus should be to modernize our public vehicle fleet and electric vehicle infrastructure. However, IEPA should also dedicate a portion of this plan to better assisting environmental justice communities. Some lower-income communities may not be able to affording the matching grant requirements, but opportunities should still be made available to these communities.

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